

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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DRDA SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of cut imposed on the `District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) Administration Scheme` during the last two years;
- (b) whether any State Government has asked the Centre to revoke the cut; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) `District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) Administration Scheme` was started w.e.f 1.4.1999. The entire fund allocated under the Scheme during the year 1999-2000 was released to the DRDAs without any cut. However, for the year 2000-01, a cut of Rs.2307.98 lakhs was imposed under the scheme due to excesses in opening balance, contingency expenditure, Central release, short State release and excessive amount drawn from SGSY.

(b)&(c): Yes, some of the States had asked the Centre to revoke the cut imposed. Wherever restoration of the cut was felt justified, the Government of India had restored the amount.